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# Brush Up

## Sept. 2020

**Please Keep this newsletter:** It contains all the recent changes we have made to our monthly meetings, demonstrations, Painter of the Year, Painter of the Month, Workshops, Summer Challenge, etc., etc. There will be additional emails to fill you in as time goes on between newsletters.

### **A Message from CVWS President, Robin St. Louis:**

Hi, everybody. I hope your summers are going well, that everyone has stayed safe and that painting is helping you to pass the time. This year is certainly one for the books!

I'm sure you've been wondering how we'll "do" watercolor society this season, and I wanted to bring you up to date. Your board has been working over the summer (via Zoom) to put together a plan so that we can still gather for monthly meetings (albeit remotely) and have demonstrators, Painter of the Month, workshops and the Annual Show.

As you can imagine, trying to figure out how to do all these things safely and remotely is a huge challenge. I cannot tell you how grateful we are to have the extremely generous volunteer assistance of our board member and webmaster Lance Brechbill, who is taking the lead on all the technology parts of our plan. It is also very comforting to have our large, committed board putting our heads together to think through all the logistics.

We are still working out the details, but the basic outline of our CVWS fall and winter looks like this:

1. **MONTHLY MEETINGS:** We will hold our monthly meetings over Zoom until it's safe to return to gathering at the Joslyn Senior Center. Written directions for how to get on Zoom will be sent to everyone and we will hold a 'practice meeting' about a week before our October 12 monthly meeting so members who have not used Zoom before will have a chance to figure it out before the night of the real



meeting. We will have help available by phone or text during the practice meeting.

Zoom is not difficult to use, but of course the first time will be a learning process for everyone, and we will do our best to help. More details on this will come out in a separate email towards the end of September. In the meantime, if you have a child or grandchild handy who can show you how to use Zoom, please take the opportunity!

2. PAINTER OF THE YEAR (POY): This was postponed from our April meeting because of COVID and will now be our October meeting program. We will do our monthly announcements and then Linda Doll will critique the POY entries and choose the winners. You will see each painting full-screen on your computer as she discusses it. (We will probably actually be able to see the paintings better this way than in person!) There will be an opportunity for us to type in any questions for her at the end of the critique.

Artists who are eligible for Painter of the Year (having won an award at a monthly Painter of the Month competition last season) have received information about how to send in their paintings in digital form, but those with questions can email Moira Johannessen at [moirajohannessen@gmail.com](mailto:moirajohannessen@gmail.com).

3. PAINTER OF THE MONTH (POM): We are working on doing POM virtually. Lance is setting up a separate private section of our web site ([www.cvws.org](http://www.cvws.org)) that will be for Members Only. This is not ready yet, but you will receive user name and password information when it is. Members who wish to enter a monthly Painter of the Month competition will sign up with Charlie Lerner, our POM Coordinator ([cmlcolor@mac.com](mailto:cmlcolor@mac.com)) and then fill out a form in the Members Only section that will allow them to upload their image. All images for that month will be available for members to view and we will be able to vote online for two weeks before the meeting. The winners will be announced at the Zoom monthly meeting and the ribbons will be mailed out.

Traditionally, for the first meeting of the year it's just the board members

who enter Painter of the Month in order to get things rolling, so most of our members will not begin entering POM until November. We will be sure to get information to you before that time.

4. SUMMER CHALLENGE (“Reflections”): If you did a Summer Challenge painting and would like to show it, we will be sending instructions on how to send in a digital image of your painting to be put up on our web site. The Summer Challenge is not judged or voted on. In other years, we have also had a “What I Did Over the Summer” show-and-tell at our October meeting, but we will not be able to do that this year.

5. ANNUAL SHOW: Planning for this is still evolving, and will continue to evolve based on outside circumstances. At this time, Because we don’t know what will happen, we are doing the planning for both a physical Annual Show and for a digital one. We may have one, or the other, or both, depending on whether it is safe to gather in person.

In a digital show, paintings would be available to view and purchase online, but most likely members would not be able to enter as many paintings as in the past, and probably no bin paintings. The show would still be judged and ribbons would still be awarded.

If we are able to have a physical show, we know we would have to take many safety precautions. These would probably include appointment times for members to bring in their paintings so there are no crowds at intake, manning the door during the show so only a certain number of visitors would be in the room at any one time, mask wearing and not having a reception, among others. If a physical show is possible, it would happen on the set dates, February 9-13, 2021.

This is very much an evolving situation with many factors beyond our control, but we’re trying to be prepared in advance for either scenario, and of course you will receive information in the newsletter, in email blasts and on the web site as soon as the plans are set.

6. WORKSHOPS will probably be virtual. More information to come.

7. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS are due now and it’s easy! (Thanks, Lance!) Just go to [www.cvws.org](http://www.cvws.org) and click “Join/Renew” in the top right corner to fill out your form and pay with credit card or PayPal online. You can also print the form and

mail it in with your check, if you prefer.

That's all for now. We hope and expect to be able to provide quality demos, workshops and the Annual Show, as well as Painter of the Month and Painter of the Year for the upcoming year. Our priority will always be to keep our members healthy and safe, and we know we'll all need to be flexible and patient and supportive of each other as we figure out how to do all these things in a different way.

Please do take the time now to renew your membership so that we can stay strong as a group and look forward to getting together in person as soon as we safely can.

Best wishes, and I'll see you on Zoom!

Robin St. Louis  
CVWS President

Hi, CVWS Members,

We are so excited to announce great news! We have devised a way to continue to have **Painter of the Month** this year despite our unusual challenges. We will do it virtually.

You will be able to email your entry/painting to our website. The paintings will then be voted on digitally by the membership on the website. The winners will be announced at the monthly CVWS Zoom meeting. As in the past, the first 14 to sign up will be accepted. Ribbons will be mailed to the winners.

At a given date, interested artists will first email me their request to sign up at [cmlcolor@mac.com](mailto:cmlcolor@mac.com). Then they will email the photo of the painting to our website on the Members Only section by a given date. Voting will be done during the 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting. Paintings will be visible at the monthly CVWS Zoom meeting with announcement of the winners.

The Painter of the Month in October is traditionally limited to entries by the CVWS Board members. Directions and deadline dates will be emailed in September for the November CVWS Zoom meeting.

All of this is new territory and is a work in progress, so please be patient. I look forward to seeing all of your entries each month.

Best Wishes,  
Stay safe and well,  
Charlie Lerner  
Painter of the Month Committee Chair

### CVWS 2019-2020 Officers

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**Painter of the Month:**

Charlie Lerner

**Raffle:**

Tracy Hartman

**Sunshine:**

Pam Waterman

**DVD Library:**

**Workshops:**

Kathleen Scoggin, Nina Harlan

**Special Activities:** Open

## Art News and Kudos



**Sylvia Smith's** painting won the Juror's Commendation Award at the July San Diego Watercolor Society's "Fierce Tenderness" show.

Note: Please send your notable achievements to Connie Zane for future newsletter Kudo announcements.

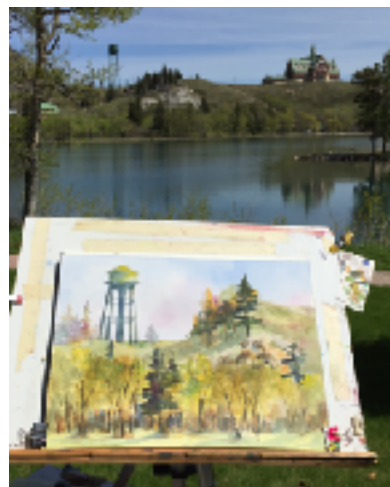
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## Field Mice

Field Mice Paint outs are in limbo until we see what unfolds this fall. In the meantime, do your own plain air paintings as this will still be a category in the annual show.

Sue Ober



# Zoom Meetings

CVWS will use Zoom via computer, tablet or iPhone to have remote meetings and events. Zoom is easy to use, but it does take a little practice to become familiar with how it works.

The best tutorial I have found is through YouTube. Type “YouTube” into your browser search window. (Google or Safari, for example).

In the YouTube search window, type; *“Joining a Zoom Meeting for the first time —A Cozy Step by Step Guide”*. **This link takes you to a very clear video about how Zoom works and how you can set it up.** There are many tutorial videos, but I think this is one of the best.

If this fails, type in: *“Cozy Grammar”* and you’ll find a number of videos that you can choose from, including “Joining a Zoom Meeting for the First ...etc.”

A recent CVWS Zoom Board Meeting



## Painter of the Year

Hi Ribbon Winners from last season:

We are going to have the Painter of the Year critique and awards at the October 12th meeting of CVWS. This will be a Zoom Meeting and our judge, Linda Doll, will be able to show and critique online.

Lance Brechbill, our website man, has created a file of all the winning paintings from last season --- just click on it ---

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/9Nu8M2Fy5U4aWaMR6>

Please look at this and decide whether you would like to make it your POY entry.

If not, you can replace it with a new photo of the same painting, or a different painting. Your choice!

Please send the new photos attached to an email to [info@cvws.org](mailto:info@cvws.org).

Include the following information: Artist Name and painting name.

Be sure the image is in readable image format (png, jpg, gif, etc).

Deadline for receiving new photos is September 1st, 2020.

Let me know if you have any problems.

Moira Johannessen, CVWS Program Chair

## 2020 Workshops

GENERAL INFORMATION: Due to the dynamic ever changing world of living in a Covid Pandemic, CVWS will not be taking any deposits on workshops at this time. We will be keeping a “save me a spot” list and will email all persons on the list when we know the workshop is a go. At that time deposits and/or full payment will be due. If you are interested in taking any of the following workshops and getting on the list, email Kathleen Scoggin at: [kscogginart@gmail.com](mailto:kscogginart@gmail.com)



### KAREN KNUTSON WORKSHOP

Adding Wow to Watercolors

January 2021 is canceled.

Karen's workshop will be rescheduled for fall of 2021 or early 2022.



### JOAN FULLERTON WORKSHOP

Intuitive Mixed Media

February 16-19, 2021



### STERLING EDWARDS WORKSHOP

Watercolor Abstracts

March 9-12, 2021



## Membership Renewal

It's time to once again renew your membership to CVWS. It's easy. You can go to our website, [CVWS.org](http://CVWS.org), and fill out the form online and pay using PayPal or using a credit card. Or you can also print out the form and send via U.S. Mail along with a check to CVWS, P.O. Box 565, Palm Desert, CA 92261.

Membership dues are \$55 for a single member or \$75 for a couple. CVWS is working hard to keep our programs and activities interesting and accessible during this challenging time. We will keep you updated on the necessary information to enable you to access our on-line meetings and exhibits.

If you have questions, you can contact our Membership chairperson, Connie Collins, at [connie@collins58.com](mailto:connie@collins58.com).

As our changes evolve, we will try to keep you up to date via email “blasts”, online, and the Newsletter, which will now be available about the 15th of each month in your email and every day on the website at [www.cvws.org](http://www.cvws.org).

Painter of the Month submissions and voting will be done on the website as well. As we fine tune that process, you'll be notified. We hope to have technical assistance for anyone having Zoom questions or problems and information about that will be forthcoming. In the meantime, look up, *“Joining a Zoom Meeting for the First Time — A Cozy Step-by-Step Guide”*.

This will get you started as a Zoom user.





**General Meeting - Joslyn Center, 6:30 PM**

Joslyn Center is located at 73750 Catalina Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260. It is about half way between San Pablo Avenue and Portola Avenue; south of Fred Waring Drive and north of Highway 111. You can access from either San Pablo or Portola.

